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MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

Many Indiana Cities Have Found the Experiment a Costly One.

Twelve Indiana cities, reckoned among the most progressive in the state, have been wrestling with municipal ownership for periods ranging from five to ten years, and the cumulative result as finally summarized shows that they may be divided into three classes in respect to causes that have operated to make the experiments obnoxious to many of the taxpayers.

The first of these causes is, possibly, incidental to the form of municipal government under which the cities operate, for the plants have been made the prey of the political spoilsman in both parties and incompetency of management has brought about waste and a generally increased burden of taxation.

The second and most humiliating cause, which, however, has been the exception, and not the rule, in the government of the cities, is grafting in small things, taking rackets for favors, permitting bills of men who have pulled to run indefinitely, placing insurance on parts of the plant that could not possibly burn, selling or giving away by-products of the plants and not accounting to the cities, and keeping the books in such a bungling and unbusinesslike way, either purposely or through ignorance, as to make it impossible to trace errors to the persons responsible for them.

The third and most discouraging factor is incompetency and a seeming inability to adopt the methods in the management of municipal utilities that the prudent man would require in his own business. Frequent changes of employees account for this to a limited extent, but the main reason seems to lie in the fact that the majority of persons employed in such industries secure employment through some man of "influence" with the powers that be, and looks to that source, rather than to a record of efficiency, for permanency on his job.

As a rule, the people have been quick to reform abuses where they have been found to exist, but in the main the reformers have fallen into some other error of management when intrusted with power, and it has come to be regarded as an accompanying necessary evil of municipal ownership that some persons must profit personally at the expense of the city. Three cities have recently permanently abandoned the effort to run their plants, two others have leased their municipal utilities for a term of years because unable to raise money for repairs, and throughout the state

The hat shown above was of white chip, trimmed with clusters of large white roses, natural foliage and shaded ribbon in pale blue, white and gold. The hat was faced to within an inch of the edge with light blue taffeta, and was worn quite far back from the face.

there is a growing antagonism to such ventures.

The constitution of Indiana fixes a limit of 2 per cent to the indebtedness of municipal corporations, and beyond this they cannot go. When the rush for municipal plants began nearly all the cities were dangerously near this limit, and some, having passed it, purchased plants on the installment plan and levied taxes to meet the indebtedness as it came due. As a rule these plants were run down, and from the first repairs had to be made, as at Washington and Peru. Then, again, these economic devices that private

capital is always quick to take advantage of were out of reach of these cities because of the scarcity of money, and the service by comparison was poor and the patrons constantly becoming more dissatisfied.

Some of the developments in connection with municipal ownership in Indiana would be very amusing were it not for the serious consequences that flow from them to that already overburdened individual—the taxpayer. For instance, when the new administration was installed at Anderson the discovery was made that the city was carrying \$124,000 insurance on the electric light, waterworks and filtration plants. On an immense water tank, made of cement and assumed to be full of water all the time, there was an insurance of \$25,000. It couldn't have burned if the whole city had turned out with firebrands and thus attempted to destroy it. The city waterworks was insured for \$2,000, with all the probabilities of fire against it. There was \$66,000 insurance on the electric light plant, though employees were always present and such a loss by no means probable. The new board reduced the insurance and saved \$4,000 in premiums. The secret of this heavy insurance lay in the fact that a member of one of the city boards was the agent for the insurance company that was carrying the "risks."

This city is running its own street cleaning department and the manner in which it is doing it has proved an expensive one to taxpayers. Then the authorities concluded that the city could clean the streets more cheaply itself than by letting the work out by contract, equipment was purchased, and when it came to buying the live stock the money on hand had been exhausted. There were demands for the revenues as fast as the taxes were paid in and bonds could not be issued as the limit of indebtedness had been reached. Then a deal with local stock dealers was engineered that afforded a pleasing illustration of municipal financing.

Twenty-eight mules were hired for the season from April to November at a cost of \$4,386. The city to feed the mules, keep them shod and to be responsible for deaths and disabling accidents. In order to determine the value of the animals they were appraised and three dealers found them to be worth \$212 each, or about \$1,500 in excess of the rental which the city pays for seven months. The wags are poking fun at the city administration for this example of municipal financing, but the taxpayer is looking at it from a more serious standpoint. New York Tribune.

SOCIETY NEWS.

(Continued from Preceding Page.)

The attention of a chap who is preparing to marry a bunch of money is called to the experience of some of his predecessors in this line of worthy endeavor. One man married an heiress but the next year her father died and her mother married soon after a wealthy less adventurous who beat her out of all her property. The girl inherited a Big House expensively furnished which she has always refused to sell although it takes all her strength and most of her husband's small salary to keep it up. Then there is the man who for his life work chose a lady of means and with her to listen to talk about My Horses, My Carriages, My Land and My Money three times a day, 365 days in the year, and especially if there's company. Marrying money is often a mighty hard way of earning it.

A woman chases a man until she is blue behind the ears, winds him and marries him, and then goes around with a groan on the rest of her life. Speaking of curs, there is the sneaking type of married man who takes the liberties with women friends, leaving a loophole of escape so that if she resents it he can look injured and put her in the position of the Tinny Spid. row always looking out for an insult.

Notes and Personal Mention.

Dr. Robert Stewart has returned from Xenia, Ohio, and Chicago where he spent about a week.

Miss Ethel Eastberg, teacher of physical culture in the Topeka high school, is in a hospital at her home, Waukesha, Wis. She has had one surgical operation and may have another.

Mr. Dick Reed and Mr. Alfred Quinton, who have been working with a railway surveying corps in Oklahoma all summer, will go to Colorado to get a little action on the money they have saved before they return to Topeka in time for the beginning of the school year.

Mrs. P. J. Monaghan and Miss Emma McMullen have gone to Notre Dame, Ind., for a visit.

Mrs. L. W. Kennedy, of Lake Charles, La., arrived today to visit to Mrs. E. A. Thrill.

Miss Louise and Ruth Kaster returned today from a visit in Albuquerque, N. M.

Miss Helen Otis went to Minneapolis today to spend a month.

Miss Elizabeth Kelly will leave in about a fortnight for New York and other eastern cities.

Dr. H. A. Winer left this afternoon for Buffalo where he will deliver an address before the medical branch of the Fraternal Congress on the 19th inst.

Mrs. Henry Parker, of Kansas City, came today to spend Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. MacLennan at Cedarcrest. Mr. Parker is expected Saturday night.

Mrs. Lulu Nellis Jeffs of Hutchinson, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel W. Nellis.

Miss Ida Grosch is visiting Miss Grace Vreeland in Hutchinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Mitchell and Miss Mildred Morgan are now in Denver and will probably be home next week.

Mrs. Eugene Huntington Ware and her daughter, Jeannette, who have been visiting her mother in Omaha, are now in Atchison with Mrs. James Challis and Mrs. Sheffield Ingalls.

Mr. Charles Lewis has returned from Parsons, where he was called on account of the last illness of Mrs. Lewis' father, Saunders A. Biggs. Mrs. Lewis will remain with her mother for another month, and then return to Topeka, where she makes her home with the Lewises, will return in about a fortnight.

Hutchinson News: (Wednesday.) Miss Helen Cockrell will arrive from Topeka this evening and be the guest of Miss Emma Schlaudt.

Mrs. J. J. Downs and Miss Marie Downs returned home to Topeka today after a short visit with Mrs. Collin Campbell.

Mrs. J. C. Shay and Miss Ethel Shay are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Kelley leave next week for a month's stay in North Dakota with Mr. and Mrs. L. S. McClellan. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Kelley of Kansas City left for Dakota Wednesday.

Mrs. Goddard and son Fay of Seattle, Wash., are the guests of Miss Ella Covell, 513 West Tenth. Mrs. Goddard was formerly Miss Nina Scott of Topeka.

Mrs. Roy Johnson and her son Donald, are in the Adirondacks.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Garrie, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Rosser and Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson left yesterday for Zeandale, Kan., to camp for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sloan and Mrs. C. E. Conklin are at home at 817 Monroe street.

Mr. J. Howard Moore of Oketo is the guest of the I. L. Betzer family, 714 Tyler street.

Mrs. Frank Grimes and her daughters arrived home yesterday from the City of Mexico.

Mrs. William Lang, who has been the guest of Mrs. M. M. Hale, will leave today for her home in Burlington.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hill have returned from a trip to the northern lakes.

Mrs. F. C. Travis and her children, Levern and Guy, of Topeka, Tex., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. W. Travis.

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Mrs. John K. Wright, of Junction City, and Mrs. Perry V. Trowinger of Colorado Springs will arrive today for a few days' visit to Mrs. J. M. Sullivan.

Mrs. C. H. Trott, of Junction City, is the guest of Mrs. J. F. Griswold on her return home from a visit in Kansas City.

Miss Margaret Osmond of Great Bend is the guest of Mrs. Josephine Osmond.

Mr. Arthur Lingafelt has returned to Chicago after a short stay with Mr. and Mrs. James Brewer. Miss Ruth Brewer of Denver, who is the guest of her grandparents, went to Tecumseh yesterday to spend a week.

Mrs. W. H. Linsinger and Mrs. Glen Price of San Antonio, Tex., are spending a few days at Maple Hill.

Mrs. S. W. Lyman has gone east to spend a month.

Mrs. M. C. Moore left today for Wellington to remain permanently.

Mrs. T. F. Doran went to Kansas City yesterday for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Samson and their children have gone to their farm to spend two days fishing.

Mrs. W. P. Hemphill and her son Ray have returned from a visit in Clay Center.

Mr. J. R. Koontz has returned from the Michigan lakes. Mrs. Koontz and her daughters will remain for a fortnight longer.

Miss Mona Clare Huffman of Columbus is the guest of Miss Hildegarde Hurley.

Mrs. George W. Parkhurst and Mrs. Robert Garver and her small son, George Parkhurst, will return today from a visit in Kansas City.

Mrs. George Garver will go to Emporia today to spend a few days.

Mrs. W. H. Harrison and her three children of Herington, and Mrs. A. F. Harrison and her children of Scranton, are visiting at 820 West Sixth street.

Mrs. M. C. Shaffer, of Leocompton, will leave Saturday for Chicago to visit Mrs. Etta Rubottom of two weeks.

SHERIFF JESSUP APPEALS.

Finney County Official After Santa Fe for Running Away With Cars.

The nine palace stock cars which were attached by A. R. Jessup, once a sheriff of Finney county, form the basis of the lawsuit appealed today from the district court of Finney county. The title of the case is A. R. Jessup against the Santa Fe railway.

The record shows that the firm of King Bros. recovered a judgment for \$2,800 against the Denver & Rio Grande railway. King Bros. laid in wait for the Denver and Rio Grande cars and when that company had nine cars at Sherlock, Finney county, they got out a writ of attachment and had the sheriff nab the cars. This happened on Nov. 3, 1902. Four days later the Santa Fe company, claiming that it was under contract to return the cars to the Denver & Rio Grande, hitched an engine to the cars and hauled them out of the state. The sheriff then brought suit against the Santa Fe, claiming that he was liable to King Bros. for the \$2,800, because the cars had been taken from him, and holding the Santa Fe railway liable to him.

The case was heard by William E. Hutchinson on an agreed statement of facts and he rendered judgment for the defendant company. Sheriff Jessup appeals the case.

LOST THIRTY WATERMELONS.

Some One Broke Into a Car on Rock Island Last Night.

A car load of watermelons, consigned to W. H. Stone, commission merchant, was broken into while it stood in the Rock Island yards last night, and thirty choice specimens of the fruit removed. The police have been notified of the theft, and the consignees say they think they could identify the melons, if found, as they were of a peculiar kind. The officers are inclined to think that the melons are by this time in a place where they would be hard to identify, and not subject even to inspection without a surgical operation.

MRS. LONGWORTH'S ACCIDENT.

The President's Daughter Fell Into a Yellowstone Park Clay Pit.

Spearfish, S. D.—When Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth and Congressman Longworth were in Yellowstone park with their daughter, the president's daughter, and her husband, the president's daughter met with an accident, according to D. C. Booth, superintendent of the United States fish hatchery at Spearfish, who has just returned from there. The members of the party were looking at one of the large clay pits when Mrs. Longworth slipped and fell head-foremost into the pit. It was filled with soft, oaty red clay, and Mrs. Longworth was a sight to behold.

Racing at Saratoga.

Saratoga—Following are the results of Thursday's races at Saratoga:

First race—5 furlongs. Antheus, 5 to 2, won; Meelick, 7 to 10, second; King Cobalt, 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:13 2-5.

Second race—2 miles. Paprika, 8 to 5, won; Judge White, even, second; Lights Out, 8 to 1, third. Time, 4:26.

Third race—5 1/2 furlongs. Kerry, 40 to 1, won; Thomas Calhoun, 8 to 1, second; Sussex, 50 to 1, third. Time, 1:08.

Fourth race—1 3/8 miles. Kenneyette, 8 to 5, won; Temacco, 5 to 1, second; Dashaway, 5 to 2, third. Time, 2:00.

Fifth race—1 mile. Hyperion II, 3 to 5, won; Tony Bonero, 12 to 1, second; Mark Anthony, 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:39 2-5.

Sixth race—6 furlongs. Rockstone, 1 to 2, won; Salvatille, 5 to 1, second; Algolone, 20 to 1, third. Time, 1:13.

Races at Empire City.

New York—Following are the results of Thursday's races at Empire City:

First race—5 1/2 furlongs. Priceless Jewell, 7 to 1, won; Lady Sichel, 3 to 1, second; John T. Bergen, 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:09.

Second race—1 mile. Minos, 2 to 1, won; Punky, 3 to 1, second; Kemp Ridgeley, 4 to 5, third. Time, 1:41 2-5.

Third race—1 mile. Poising, 3 to 5, won; Laveta, 1 to 2, second; Nellie Racine, 1 to 4, third. Time, 1:41 2-5.

Fourth race—About 6 furlongs. Colley, 11 to 2, won; Orphan, 2 to 1, second; Gold Proof, 1 to 3, third. Time, 1:09 2-5.

Fifth race—5 1/2 furlongs. Handbridge, 1 to 2, won; Stanley Fay, 6 to 1, second; C. W. Fort, 1 to 3, third. Time, 1:07 2-5.

Sixth race—Mile and 100 yards. Clyde, 9 to 5, won; Braden, 7 to 1, second; Onatas, 7 to 10, third. Time, 1:46 2-5.

Two Players for the Reds.

Columbus—President Brice has announced the sale of Pitcher George Upp and Shortstop Rudolph Hulschitt of the Columbus club to the Cincinnati Reds. Upp goes for a cash consideration. Pitcher Hall of Cincinnati, secured a few weeks ago from Hermann, and a cash consideration in addition, is the payment for Hulschitt.

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